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Formerly Used Defense Site Camp Adair inspection begins

PORTLAND, Ore. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers contractor Shaw Environmental will be conducting a site inspection of former Camp Adair and Adair Air Force Station beginning this week evaluating Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) that had historically been used for military training. The former Camp Adair and Adair Air Force Station is located in parts of Polk, Benton and Linn counties, near Corvallis, Ore.

The Corps will be conducting a Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP), Site Inspection (SI), according to Corps project manager Mike Nelson. “The SI will be used to determine what future work the Corps may do to clean-up possible munitions related components and chemical constituents used during combat engineer training.” The Corps of Engineers cleans up sites contaminated with hazardous waste, radioactive waste, and/or ordnance to comply with federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations.

The SI work will be conducted by the Corps’ contractor, Shaw Environmental. The work to be performed will include access to and a visual inspection of property that was part of the former Camp Adair. The inspection may also include soil and or water sampling.

In preparation to begin the SI work the Corps contacted property owners of the former Camp Adair site and obtained signed Department of the Army Right of Entry Environmental Assessment and Response (ROE). “The ROE from a property owner allows the Corps and Corps’ contractor to perform the required work.” Nelson said. “Also, property owners will be contacted within 48-hours prior to any work being done on their property.”

Camp Adair was constructed in 1942 and served as a training facility for several army divisions. The camp was vacated in 1947. During the short operation of the camp it was the second largest city in Oregon. The Air Force operated Adair Air Force Station in what now is Adair Village during the 1960s.

More information will be available on the former Camp Adair as it comes available on Portland District’s website at <https://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/pa/fuds>.

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